

Remarks

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 31, 39-49, 54, 61, and 62 are in the application, of which claims 1, 39, 61, and 62 are in independent form. Claims 13, 17-20, 32-38, 50-53, and 55-60 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 21-30 were previously canceled in response to a November 6, 2003 restriction requirement.

All pending claims, except claims 13, 20, 47, and 53, which are objected to, stand rejected on various grounds. Applicants have done the following to secure immediate allowance of the subject matter recited in the objected to claims.

Amended independent claim 1 recites the subject matter of objected to dependent claim 13, which is canceled. Claim 1 also includes amendments that provide clearer antecedent bases for “incident polychromatic light rays” and “major surface” of the LCD panel. Claim 20, which before cancellation depended on claim 1 by way of intervening dependent claims 17-19, is now rewritten in independent form as claim 61 and recites the subject matter of rejected claims 1 and 17-19 and objected to claim 20. The upper limit of four arc lamps recited in claim 17 is omitted from claim 61. Claims 17-20 are canceled. Therefore, the foregoing amendments place claims 1-12, 14-16, 31, and 61 in allowable condition.

Amended independent claim 39 recites the subject matter of objected to dependent claim 47, which is canceled. Claim 39 in its present form cancels the four occurrences of “at least” modifying “principal ray” because use of the article “a” makes the recitation of “at least” redundant. Moreover, the deletions of “at least” in claim 39 provide clearer antecedent bases for dependent claims 48 and 49.

Claim 53, which before cancellation depended on claim 39 by way of intervening dependent claims 50-52, is now rewritten in independent form as claim 62 and recites the subject matter of rejected claims 39 and 50-52 and objected to claim 53. Claims 50-53 are canceled. Therefore, the foregoing amendments place claims 39-49, 54, and 62 in allowable condition.

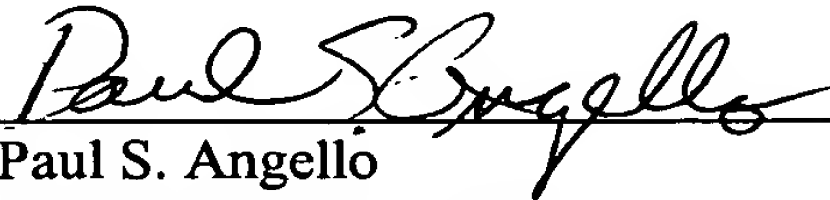
Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application directed to claims 21-30 previously canceled in response to a restriction requirement and a continuation application directed to the rejected claims canceled by this amendment.

A new title of the application has been provided in response to the Examiner’s requirement for a more descriptive title.

Applicants believe their application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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